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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Request for Speaker at FOI/PA Symposium

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1. The Information and Privacy Staff will hold a symposium at the [REDACTED] 6 through 8 September. This is a follow-up to the symposium held two years ago, when we first examined the impact of the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act on the Central Intelligence Agency. We hope at this time to examine some of the problems which have developed over the past two years, and to consider how we can deal with them in the long run.

2. Between 40 and 50 professionals and para-professionals from all over the Agency will attend. All of them deal regularly with FOI/PA requests, appeals, and litigation. It is now apparent that the effects of both laws have become an important part of the everyday activities of an intelligence agency, and that we will need to continue to walk the tightrope between secrecy and openness.

3. FOI/PA affects the entire Agency. We would appreciate your views on how the Agency must face the dilemma of complying with the new Acts while observing the requirements of the National Security Act of 1947 and the CIA Act of 1949; on how we can handle a growing workload in the face of increased competition for budget and personnel; and on what legislative relief, if any, we can expect.

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4. We would appreciate it if you could be either our keynote speaker at [REDACTED] on 6 September at 1430, or our guest speaker at supper on 7 September at 1830. We will be glad to make whatever adjustments in our agenda that are necessary to accommodate your schedule.

/s/ John F. Blake

John F. Blake

_____ I will be able to speak on 6 September at 1430.

_____ I will be able to speak at supper on 7 September at 1830.

_____ I would like to meet with the group, but prefer another date or time: _____

I am sorry that I must decline

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